
Robert E. Braithwaite



Executive Director Marine Forces Reserve

The Executive Director provides the leadership and day to day direction for Marine Forces Reserve (MFR) staff actions and for MFR units. MFR is the largest command in the Marine Corps, consisting of a HQ's staff of close to 700 and four major subordinate commands with approximately 100,000 Marines at 184 sites.

Following retirement from the Marine Corps as a Colonel, Mr. Braithwaite was hired by Boeing and served as the Bell-Boeing V-22 Deputy Director for Weapons System Integration and as the Bell-Boeing V-22 Operational Evaluation Coordinator. He left Boeing in August 2004 and returned to Government Service as the GS-15 Executive Director of the Marine Forces Reserve Staff in September 2004. He was selected for Senior Executive Service in April 2006 and reassigned as the Executive Director of Marine Forces Reserve.

Mr. Braithwaite was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in August 1971. After NFO training, he received his wings in May 1972 and reported to MCAS Cherry Point for Bombardier/Navigator training in the A-6 aircraft. In May 1973, First Lieutenant Braithwaite reported for duty with VMA (AW) 224, where he served as the Maintenance Control Officer.

Following this tour, Captain Braithwaite attended Amphibious Warfare School from August 1976 until June 1977, and was then reassigned to VMA (AW) 224 as the Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer. In July 1979, he transferred to NAS Pensacola for duty as a Flight Instructor with VT-86. Upon completion of his training command tour, Major Braithwaite was ordered to Headquarters, Marine Corps Washington, D.C. for duty as the Fixed Wing Monitor. Selected for the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, he was reassigned to MCB Quantico for the 1984 school year graduating in June 1985 as an Honor Graduate.

After graduation, Major Braithwaite returned to 2D MAW and served nine months as the MAG-14 Assistant Admin Officer. In March 1986, he was reassigned within the group

to VMA(AW) 332. While assigned to this Squadron, Major Braithwaite served as the AMO for eighteen months and then as the Executive Officer for his remaining fifteen months in the unit. In January 1989, Lieutenant Colonel Braithwaite was again ordered to HQMC and served as the Aviation Weapons Requirements Officer. Selected for Top Level School, he was reassigned within the D.C. area to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces for the 1990 school year finishing in June 1991 as a Distinguished Graduate.

Upon completion of school, LtCol Braithwaite was ordered to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola for duty as first the Executive Officer and then the Commanding Officer of VT 86. He assumed command in August 1992 and led the Sabrehawks through an extremely successful year which contributed to VT-86 receiving the FY-93 VADM Goldthwaite Award for Overall Operational Excellence. He was promoted to Colonel in September 1993 and assigned to the Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Base Operations.

Colonel Braithwaite assumed command of Marine Aviation Training Support Group (MATSG) NAS Pensacola in July 1994 and led that command through the merger of MATSG Pensacola and MATSG 90. In July 1997, he reported to 4th MAW for duty as Chief of Staff where he served until retirement from the Marine Corps as a Colonel on 1 January 2001.

Mr. Braithwaite graduated from Millersville University in 1970 with a bachelor's of science in education.

Mr. Braithwaite's personal awards include two Legion of Merits, three Meritorious Service Medals and two Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medals.